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Homework at Queen Elizabeth High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Queen Elizabeth High School, we believe that learning does not stop when pupils leave the classroom. Homework is an essential part of the learning journey, helping pupils to strengthen their understanding, develop independence, and build the study habits that lead to success at GCSE, sixth form, university, apprenticeships, and future careers.

Research consistently shows that homework can have a significant positive impact on achievement in secondary schools. The Education Endowment Foundation reports that effective homework is associated with around five additional months of academic progress, which is often estimated to be equivalent to approximately half a GCSE grade of progress over an academic year when homework is purposeful, closely linked to classroom learning, and completed regularly. Beyond academic outcomes, homework helps pupils develop valuable lifelong skills, including resilience, organisation, self-discipline, time management, and the ability to work independently. These habits support success not only in school but also in further education, employment, and everyday life.

Our homework programme is carefully designed to reinforce, deepen, and broaden learning. A range of activities ensures pupils revisit and apply knowledge in different ways, including:

- **Retrieval practice** to strengthen memory and improve long-term retention.
- **Reading activities** to develop knowledge, literacy, and academic vocabulary.
- **Research tasks** to promote curiosity and independent learning.
- **Revision activities** to prepare for future learning and assessments.
- **Independent Study Tasks (ISTs)**, which are larger projects completed over several homework sessions and scaffolded by teachers to develop deeper understanding and independence.

Accessing Homework

All homework is published on ClassCharts, allowing pupils and parents to access tasks, resources, and deadlines in one place.

If your child forgets their ClassCharts login details, all homework can also be viewed via our school website:

Homework, Exams and Revision <https://www.qehs.co/pupils/homework-exams-revision>

Homework Timetable

Homework due dates may vary but we recommend pupils use this timetable to help pupils establish effective routines, spread their workload evenly across the fortnight, and ensure consistent engagement with both core and foundation subjects.



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Queen Elizabeth High School Key Stage Three Homework Timetable					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Maths	English	Science	Geography	Spanish
2	Maths	English	Science	History	R. E.
	Creative Arts Rotation				

How Parents and Carers Can Help

The partnership between home and school is one of the strongest influences on pupil success. You can support your child by:

1. Encouraging them to check ClassCharts daily.
2. Helping them establish a regular homework routine.
3. Providing a quiet space for study where possible.
4. Discussing homework tasks and upcoming deadlines.
5. Encouraging regular reading alongside set homework.
6. Praising effort, perseverance, and organisation.
7. Promoting high standards and pride in their work.

Frequently Asked Questions



How much homework should my child expect?

Key Stage 3 pupils should expect approximately 30-45 minutes of homework each evening, alongside regular reading. Larger projects and Independent Study Tasks are set well in advance.

How much time will a homework have to be completed

Homework tasks will normally be issued with at least one week's notice, allowing pupils sufficient time to plan their work effectively and produce work of a high standard. IST maybe set over several weeks to ensure greater depth or complexity is achieved.

What should my child do if they are stuck?

We encourage pupils to make a genuine attempt, use the resources provided on ClassCharts, refer to their class notes or knowledge organisers, and seek support from their teacher at the earliest opportunity.

What happens if homework is not completed?

Homework is a key part of our curriculum and contributes significantly to learning and retention. Where homework is missed, pupils may be given an extension, extra support or required to attend catch-up sessions so that they receive the support needed to complete the task and keep pace with learning.



What if my child is absent from school?

Homework and supporting resources will remain available through ClassCharts and our website where appropriate. Pupils should check these regularly and speak to their teacher upon their return if further guidance is needed.

How can I find what my child is studying?

To find out more about what your child is learning throughout the year, please visit our curriculum pages where you can find pupil learning journeys and further documentation:

Curriculum Information <https://www.qehs.co/general/curriculum>

Who should I contact if I have a question?

For subject-specific queries, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Form Tutors are also available to provide support where needed for logins or other queries.

Homework is most effective when pupils, parents, and staff work together through clear expectations and consistent routines. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to complete homework regularly. Together, we can help every pupil develop the knowledge, independence, and resilience needed to succeed both at school and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Langley', with a stylized flourish underneath.

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